

This correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal  
Service as Express Mail No. EV 332107593 US addressed to:

PATENT  
Attorney Docket No.: 085761-000010US

Mail Stop: Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Makoto Matsuoka, et al.

Application No.: Filed herewith

Filed: November 14, 2003

For: C3 PLANTS EXPRESSING  
PHOTOSYNTHETIC ENZYME OF C4  
PLANTS

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. N/A

Examiner: N/A

Technology Center/Art Unit: N/A

REQUEST FOR PRIORITY

Mail Stop: Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

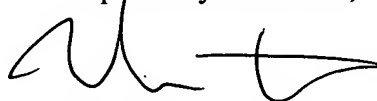
In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.55 and 35 USC § 119,  
Applicants request priority to Japanese Patent Application No. 9-056742, filed March 11, 1997.  
As the present application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/003,072, filed January 5,  
1998, Applicants refer the Examiner to the certified copy of the above-referenced Japanese  
patent application filed with the '072 application.

Appl. No. Filed herewith  
Request for priority

PATENT

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew E. Hinsch', with a stylized, sweeping flourish at the end.

Matthew E. Hinsch  
Reg. No. 47,651

TOWNSEND and TOWNSEND and CREW LLP  
Two Embarcadero Center, Eighth Floor  
San Francisco, California 94111-3834  
Tel: 415-576-0200  
Fax: 415-576-0300  
Attachments  
MEH:meh